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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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WILLIAM W. DOWDING,)
) No. 01 -0143
Petition to cancel certificate.)
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Chicago, Illinois
April 18, 2001

Met, pursuant to notice, at 2:00 p.m.

BEFORE:

MS. LESLIE HAYNES, Administrative Law Judge

APPEARANCES:

MR. WILLIAM W. DOWDING
PO Box 4773
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405
appearing pro se via telephone.

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
Jennifer L. Velasco, CSR
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2 Witnesses: Direct Cross Re- Re- By
3 William Dowding direct cross Judge
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1 JUDGE HAYNES: By the authority vested in me by
2 the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket
3 No. 01-0143. This is the petition to cancel the
4 certificate of William W. Dowding.

5 May I have your appearance for the
6 record, please; your name and address and phone
7 number.

8 MR. WILLIAM DOWDING: Certainly. William W.
9 Dowding, Post Office Box 4773, Chattanooga,
10 Tennessee 37405, (423) 265-1492.

11 JUDGE HAYNES: Thank you.

12 MR. WILLIAM DOWDING: You're welcome.

13 JUDGE HAYNES: Do you have the docket number of
14 the --

15 MR. WILLIAM DOWDING: I got your letter.

16 JUDGE HAYNES: -- the case in which we granted
17 you your certificate?

18 MR. WILLIAM DOWDING: No, darling.

19 JUDGE HAYNES: Do you know when it was entered;
20 what year you were granted the certificate?

21 MR. WILLIAM DOWDING: Two and a half years ago,
22 three years ago, something like that,

1 approximately. I'd go with --

2 JUDGE HAYNES: You know what --

3 MR. WILLIAM DOWDING: '99 or '98.

4 JUDGE HAYNES: I need to swear you in. I'm

5 sorry.

6 MR. WILLIAM DOWDING: That's fine.

7 (Witness sworn.)

8 WILLIAM DOWDING,

9 called as a witness herein, having been first duly

10 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY

13 JUDGE HAYNES:

14 Q. Everything you've answered up until this
15 point was also under oath?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Thank you. Okay. And were you acting on
18 behalf of a corporation or were you just acting --

19 A. It was d/b/a Tristate Telco at the time.

20 Q. Tristate Telco?

21 A. Yeah. We had to change it to -- we had to
22 amend it to William W. Dowding because of somebody

1 in your searches had the Tristate Telephone Company
2 or something like that that was real close. They
3 thought it was too close, so we amended it to
4 William W. Dowding d/b/a.

5 Q. So you did business under Tristate Telco?

6 A. I did business, yeah. William W. Dowding
7 was the same issue now.

8 Q. Was it a corporation?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Not a corporation?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Okay. You're acting on your own behalf;
13 this was your --

14 A. Yeah, I'm it.

15 Q. Okay. And did you ever operate pay
16 telephones in the State of Illinois?

17 A. Yep.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. In one location.

20 Q. What location?

21 A. Fairview Heights, Illinois. What's the
22 name of that darn mall. Ocala (phonetic), I think.

1 Q. Could you repeat --

2 A. I don't remember what the name of it was.

3 Q. That's fine. Fairview Heights?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. When did you stop doing business in

6 Illinois?

7 A. Oh, golly gee. A year and a half ago,

8 almost two years now.

9 Q. Okay. And were these public pay

10 telephones?

11 A. Yeah, they were.

12 Q. You sold them outright to this other

13 company?

14 A. Well, see, the mall owned the phones. The

15 license is in my name, okay. It was easier to deal

16 with it that way. And the mall has sold their

17 phones.

18 Q. The mall sold their phones?

19 A. Yeah, to another company, and they didn't

20 use my license. They didn't need my license. They

21 had their own license.

22 Q. You never owned these telephones; you just

1 had a license through us?

2 A. Uh-huh, yep, that's correct.

3 Q. Okay. Are you affiliated with this mall or
4 this other company in any manner?

5 A. I wasn't at that time, just as a
6 contractor.

7 Q. So this was just a business decision on
8 your part or on the mall's part?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. So therefore you couldn't do this anymore?

11 A. Well, basically the mall was owned by a
12 company out of Chattanooga, and they sold all their
13 phones to another company, something in 2000.

14 Yeah, it was. I think it was in 2000. It was
15 right

16 about -- I knew about it in April -- in March of
17 whatever year it was, 2000 or '99.

18 Q. Who is Terry French?

19 A. She was the person on site because you all
20 needed somebody in Fairview Heights or in Illinois
21 to be a contact person. She was the financial
22 person for the mall.

1 Q. So you authorized her --
2 A. Yep.
3 Q. -- to petition us to cancel your
4 certificate?
5 A. Yep.
6 Q. Okay. I think that's all I need to know
7 for the order, and I'll go ahead and enter this for
8 you.
9 I'm going to mark the record heard and
10 taken.
11 A. Okay.
12 Q. Thank you.
13 A. Thank you, darling.
14 (HEARD AND TAKEN.)
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